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Serial No: To be assigned (U.S. National Phase of International Application No. PCT/KR00/01173, filed 18 October 2000)

Filed: Concurrently herewith

For: A TRANSFORMANT FOR SCREENING OF INHIBITORS FOR HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS

**AFFIRMATION OF PRIORITY CLAIM**

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Priority has been claimed on the basis of Korean Patent Application

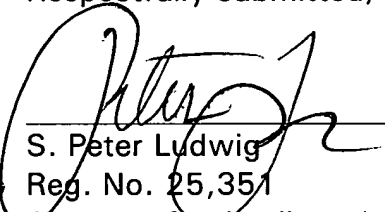
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A Certified copy of the aforesaid Korean Patent Application was received  
by the International Bureau on 07 November, 2000, during the pendency of  
International Application No. PCT/KR00/01173. ✓

Applicant herewith affirms the priority claim of the aforesaid Korean  
patent application under U.S.C. §119.

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